

Intimations

Hongkong, March 9, 1908.

It is reported that a telegram has been received at Shanghai by one of the directors of the Shanghai Club, which the Shanghai owners were forced to part with a couple of years ago for a mere song, saying that the property has been sold for a cool million dollar to an American syndicate. —China Gazette.

A DIZZY CASE of suicide occurred in Yokohama on the 1st March. Andrew Foster, aged 40, an employe of the American Trading Company, lived on Nakamura Street. About half-past eight o'clock his wife, hearing a noise, went into his bedroom and found him suspended to the bedpost. With assistance she cut him down, but after a few convulsive struggles he expired. It appears that the man lately came in for a small sum of money and this induced him to go on a long drinking bout. —Japan Mail.

At the annual meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Holland, in the course of his address, referred to the hopeful character of our trade with China. That trade was increasing each year, though other nations were pushing into the market, anxious to get an increased share of the trade. He noticed that the exports of cotton piece goods to the China market during 1895 amounted in value to £4,200,000, so that that market was quite the largest of all our markets for cotton piece goods, with the single exception of Bengal and Burma.

A witness in court who had been cautioned to give a precise answer to every question and not to talk about what he might think the question meant, was interrogated as follows:—“You drive a wagon?” “No, sir, I do not.” “Why, sir, did you not tell your friend that?” “No, sir, I did not.” “Now, sir, I put it to you on your oath. Do you drive a wagon?” “No, sir.” “What is your occupation, then?” “I drive a horse.” This reminds us of Robert Buchanan, poet, novelist, playwright, &c., who, while he was examined in bankruptcy two or three years ago, when asked if he was not in the habit of driving about in a carriage and pair, replied that he might have been in the carriage but certainly not in the horses. Some people are nothing if not precise.

It will be observed (says the Japan Mail) of the 25th February, in our Special Correspondent's letter the following clause occurs:—“The question of the return of Her Majesty the Queen is talked about today, and it is alleged by those who are in a position to know that the next ten days will decide whether she will return or not.” Evidently these are well-informed foreigners in Seoul who believe that the Queen is not dead after all. We sincerely trust that their belief may be proved by events. As the foregoing we may add that the *Yokohama Special Correspondent*, who writes on the 15th ult., is a gentleman connected with one of the Legations in the Korean capital, and is in a better position to know what he writes about than even the Editor of the *Mail*. —China Gazette.

It is natural that the occasion of the Tonkin Loan should be taken to point out the value of the colony to the Empire. For progress has been made. M. Roussier, for example, has shown that the foreign trade of Tonkin has grown from 11 millions francs in 1870 to 10 millions in 1884, and 40 millions in 1894. The further opening of Southern China, and the prolongation of the railway into the interior, are expected to vastly increase this. At the same time it reminds us of a statement we have more than once made that it is always just this extension or that increase of territory, over what is now possessed, that are essential to render the colony productive, and release the mother country from the burden it has so far been. —L. and G. Express.

Steamship communication between Bangkok and Singapore is, just now, greatly curtailed from what was a few weeks ago. (says the Bangkok Times of the 27th Feb.), and consequently vessels are getting away very quickly. The cause of the curtailment is not, however, a falling off in trade. Of the Blue Funnel boats the *Centaur* is on the Hongkong-Singapore run, while the *Albatross* is on the Singapore-Batavia run, and the *Arcturion* is on the Batavia-Bombay route. There are only four Ocean liners coming to Bangkok, and the *Deutchland* has had to be chartered to keep up with the cargoes. The *Borneo*, belonging to a Chinese firm, has been chartered for six months to run between Hongkong and Singapore, and is expected to arrive here in a few days. Residents need not be surprised, under the circumstances, if some delay is experienced in getting the mails brought up.

This new income-tax scheme adopted by the French Cabinet on Jan. 30 provides that the first 1000 of every man's income is to be exempt; the next 1000, pays 1 per cent; the next 2000, 2 per cent; the next 3000, 3 per cent; the next 4000, 4 per cent; and any excess over 20,000, 5 per cent. Thus, an income of 3000, will pay 12 + 30 + 40 = 80; one of 4000, will pay 12 + 40 + 60 + 80 = 192; one of 5000, 12 + 40 + 80 + 120 = 352; one of 6000, 12 + 40 + 120 + 160 = 532; one of 7000, 12 + 40 + 160 + 200 = 712; one of 8000, 12 + 40 + 200 + 240 = 892; one of 9000, 12 + 40 + 240 + 280 = 1072; one of 10,000, 12 + 40 + 280 + 320 = 1252; one of 11,000, 12 + 40 + 320 + 360 = 1432; one of 12,000, 12 + 40 + 360 + 400 = 1612; one of 13,000, 12 + 40 + 400 + 440 = 1792; one of 14,000, 12 + 40 + 440 + 480 = 1972; one of 15,000, 12 + 40 + 480 + 520 = 2152; one of 16,000, 12 + 40 + 520 + 560 = 2332; one of 17,000, 12 + 40 + 560 + 600 = 2512; one of 18,000, 12 + 40 + 600 + 640 = 2692; one of 19,000, 12 + 40 + 640 + 680 = 2872; one of 20,000, 12 + 40 + 680 + 720 = 3052; one of 21,000, 12 + 40 + 720 + 760 = 3232; one of 22,000, 12 + 40 + 760 + 800 = 3412; one of 23,000, 12 + 40 + 800 + 840 = 3592; one of 24,000, 12 + 40 + 840 + 880 = 3772; one of 25,000, 12 + 40 + 880 + 920 = 3952; one of 26,000, 12 + 40 + 920 + 960 = 4132; one of 27,000, 12 + 40 + 960 + 1000 = 4312; one of 28,000, 12 + 40 + 1000 + 1040 = 4492; one of 29,000, 12 + 40 + 1040 + 1080 = 4672; one of 30,000, 12 + 40 + 1080 + 1120 = 4852; one of 31,000, 12 + 40 + 1120 + 1160 = 5032; one of 32,000, 12 + 40 + 1160 + 1200 = 5212; one of 33,000, 12 + 40 + 1200 + 1240 = 5392; one of 34,000, 12 + 40 + 1240 + 1280 = 5572; one of 35,000, 12 + 40 + 1280 + 1320 = 5752; one of 36,000, 12 + 40 + 1320 + 1360 = 5932; one of 37,000, 12 + 40 + 1360 + 1400 = 6112; one of 38,000, 12 + 40 + 1400 + 1440 = 6292; one of 39,000, 12 + 40 + 1440 + 1480 = 6472; one of 40,000, 12 + 40 + 1480 + 1520 = 6652; one of 41,000, 12 + 40 + 1520 + 1560 = 6832; one of 42,000, 12 + 40 + 1560 + 1600 = 7012; one of 43,000, 12 + 40 + 1600 + 1640 = 7192; one of 44,000, 12 + 40 + 1640 + 1680 = 7372; one of 45,000, 12 + 40 + 1680 + 1720 = 7552; one of 46,000, 12 + 40 + 1720 + 1760 = 7732; one of 47,000, 12 + 40 + 1760 + 1800 = 7912; one of 48,000, 12 + 40 + 1800 + 1840 = 8092; one of 49,000, 12 + 40 + 1840 + 1880 = 8272; 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THE HERMITE PROCESS OF SANITATION.

<i>Vessel's Name.</i>	<i>Flag & Rig.</i>	<i>Destination.</i>
Amara	Brit. str.	
Apenrado	Ger. str.	
Chintung	Chi. str.	
Lyeemoon	Ger. str.	
Tientsin	Brit. str.	

There seems to be no department of science which is not likely to be long before revolutionized by the application of electricity to certain of its methods. That electricity should prove useful from a sanitary point of view was probably, a short time ago, never suspected. Yet the latest development of activity is its application towards the sterilization of sewage, called the "electrolytic" process. This is a method of obtaining by the electrolysis of sea water a disinfectant and deodorizer far more efficient and less costly than any other known substance—in fact, at so low a cost that it may be applied to the cleansing and disinfecting of the sewers of a town. A brief account of the electrolytic process of sewage disinfection is given in the January number of the *Journal of the Sanitary Institute*. The town of Ipswich, following the lead given by Worthing, has adopted the system very successfully at a cost of 14d. per head of the population per annum. We believe a similar process, called in America the Electrolytic Sewage Disinfection Process, is now being carried out in New York, where the sewage is conveyed in steamers to an island at the mouth of the harbour, there deposited, and afterwards played upon by the electrolysed sea water and thus rendered innocuous and inoffensive. This system would seem to be the thing to be adopted to meet the requirements of Colombia. The system adopted is thus described:—

The apparatus used in the *Hermite* process for electrolyzing sea water is one specially designed and perfected at great cost and after lengthened trials. It consists of a galvanized-iron tank in which are platinum and zinc electrodes of very considerable superficial area. The platinum electrodes are of the shape of a spiral of wire gauze; the zinc electrodes are discs of pure zinc, a series of which are threaded upon two spindles, with room between them for the platinum electrodes to be inserted. The zinc electrodes, being attached to a spindle, revolve, and have scrapers acting on them for the purpose of removing the zinc oxide which is deposited on their coats their surface during the electrolysis. The normal size of these electrolyzers is such that a current of 1,000 or 1,200 amperes may be employed, and the electromotive force, which, of course, varies slightly according to the density of the solution, may be kept approximately constant. The tank is filled with sea water, and passing the current through the electrolyzer, the electrolysis of the sea water is brought about.

Moreover, whenever a town is supplied with an electric light installation or an electric tramway system, the introduction of the Hermite process of sanitation is rendered comparatively easy, for it would give rise to a saving in the cost of the stations, and this would conduce still further to economy. Colombo has thus many advantages, for it is a sea-port town, so that a supply of sea water is always available. Instead of incinerating the night-soil, therefore, it would be better to employ the Hermite process, which is being the Hermite process—adopted with so much success in England, France, and America—to the sterilization of the sewage of Colombo. We commend the suggestion to the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Colombo, for we understand that what is chiefly wanting is a large supply of water for the incinerating process is its extreme costliness. Not only would all the night-soil in the town require to be carted to one central station far removed from the town, but several large incinerators would require to be set up and a large staff employed in working them. It would be in order, with the Hermite process, that that would be necessary would be to set up a power station and a low tension dynamo. The supply of sea water would present no difficulties, and then, after the night-soil has been emptied into the spot, it would simply be pumped upon the surface of the quantity of the prepared water, as is done with the New York sewage, and thus rendered harmless. We do not

suppose that the time will ever come when Colombo will be supplied with any other system than that at present in vogue, the following remarks will be of value, owing to the difficulty of obtaining water in sufficient quantities, and the lack of proper drainage, a sewerage system would be impossible, but at least something might be done towards flushing the drains regularly with electrified sea water, and so saving them pure, and free from all other things. In keeping public latrines pure and wholesome would be very great. In any case, no costly system for dealing with the night-soil of Colombo should be adopted without an examination of this electric process, for it seems peculiarly suitable to Colombo, which possesses or is about to possess a large quantity of sea water, as the tramways are laid down) and it is situated on the sea coast, and therefore is favourably placed for obtaining sea water cheaply. Moreover, the system is remarkably inexpensive and appears to be really thorough, and its universal adoption, even in the most remote parts of the world, on the sea coast, will only be a matter of time.—*Times of Ceylon.*

One Victim.—A.: 'Did you ever know of any one dying for love?' B.: 'Once, I. I knew a fellow who starved to death after being refused by an heiress.'

A Ren-better Day.—I say, guilde, what does that *amerose* have commensurate for?

I put it there. It is upon that spot where a tourist once gave me 6s.

Upon a poster of Sydney Grundy's play, "The New Woman," exhibited in a South Wales town, some one has scribbled under the title, 'Won't wash clothes.'

Sir.: 'They call this a play with a moral. I wonder what it is? He (thinking of the price for seats); 'A fool and his money are soon parted.' I should think.'

'Did you marry me for love, Harry? What makes you doubt it?' 'Well, you see, it might have been merely because you needed protection from other women.'

'I HAVE no objection,' said Mahbub's father, 'to your being an advanced woman. None whatever. In fact, I am rather interested in seeing the result.' 'How do you mean?' 'I want to see whether the advanced woman is going to have sense enough to appreciate the young man who improves his mind and saves his money, or whether she'll just go ahead as usual and fall in love with the one who has curly hair and plays the guitar.'

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COMIC HISTORY OF ENGLAND.
At a school in India the Tudor Period had been taken as a class subject, and after much patient teaching the pupils were asked to write an essay on Henry VIII. The following is a genuine effusion from the pen of a little girl of tender years, which did not get the prize:—
"Henry the Eighth was a good looking man, he had a red board he was very well proportioned but he had a hot temper. He was very religious and he pulled down a great

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du to churches and monasteries. He built colleges with them. And schools with them too. One school he called the blue Coat School and a College called Oxford College. He turned the monks out Who were rich once but had to go into the work-house. Afterwards he married Catherine of Hongkong, March 2, 1896.

Arrogant for twenty years. He got to know anne Boleyn, she waited on Catharine that is how he got to know her. Anne became a queen and Catharine was sent away. She became religious and became a monk. Henry got to hear things about anne and she had her head cut off though the three were not. Henry had a little neck. Henry was left a widow but he got married again, this Time it was to Jane Seymour, he liked Jane Seymour. She had a son, a few days after she died. So Henry was a Widow again and he married another anne this time a anne deves, this anne he did not like for she was a floundering mare and not Pretty no he Sent her away again and gave her some gold to live upon with her. Henry got the God married to another Catherine Howard. She was not a very good wife and Henry got to hear things again as he did before so she had her head took off, and he married

Catherine purr who looked after his had legs. She was the only one who could keep him quiet she did not call him a beast, like he called her and the servants and he died before he could have her head cut off which he tried to do ones or twice but she defeated him. Heury had a Whip with six strings

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which has since been called the Cat with nine tails with this whip he used to beat people when they did not do right. Henry was not a very good man though he was a religious man (I like that). He quarrelled with the pope who wanted to bring the Reformation to China. He was a very good

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WHY NOT JINRIKISHAS IN LONDON?

'A. B. C.' writes as follows to a London evening newspaper:—

After a lengthened absence from England, partly occupied in making a thorough tour of Japan, I have been most struck on my return by the immense strides the pastime of bicycling has made in the favour of the upper classes. At the time of my departure, bicycling, as a recreation, was almost confined to the middle working classes, and he would have been a bold man indeed who would have prophesied that some eighteen months would suffice to bring about such a social revolution in that direction, as has indeed been effected. It is an old saying that it is always the least expected that occurs, and it is the truth of that proverb, as thus illustrated, that encourages me to crave for a small space in your columns to suggest the suitability of the Jinrikisha as a public conveyance for the streets of London. All over the East, from Colombo to Yokohama, this useful vehicle is not only extensively employed, but in Hongkong and Colombo particularly, furnishes almost the only valid means of transit from one part of the town to another. In Japan, of course, it is the national vehicle, only to be displaced, if at all, by the tardy advent of the iron horse. Of course its very name

JINRIKISHA, lit. translated man-power-vehicle, but more facetiously 'pull-man-car,' furnishes one of the most powerful arguments against the universal use of London cabs. Doubtless the necessity, difficulty would be found in procuring the necessary labour; but that, I think, is an objection which would be overcome as the public become more used to them, just as ladies now ride their bicycles through and about the crowded streets almost unnumbered, where, but lately, they were subject to a very means public and legal attention. For, in my opinion, the only objection to a large number of sturdy British working men would have to earning, by this means,

a considerable wage, would be the fear of the sacrifice of their more timid confederates in other walks of life. In Yokohama the brokers and the risk-takers of speculative ventures in enabling them, as is so important in their profession, to get about with all speed from office to office, squeezing their way as only risk-takers can, through narrow lanes, and past obstructions, where no cab or other conveyance could find its way.

At present the only sensible method of locomotion from Temple Bar to Liverpool-street, for those at least to whom time is an object, is on foot, and I cannot help feeling that if only a company were started offering their vehicles for hire at moderate rates, they only, and as their great usefulness began to be appreciated there, extending their use to other busy parts of town, before long we should witness such another revolution in the means of transit through our crowded streets as has never been accomplished during my absence in other climes.

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<i>Archer</i>	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	2200	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
<i>Centurion*</i>	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Hongkong
<i>Daphne</i>	sloop	1140	16	1400	Commander A. C. Galloway	Shanghai
<i>Edgar</i>	tw'n-screw cruiser 1st class	7360	16	10,000	Capt. William H. Henderson	Nagasaki
<i>Esk</i>	g-b.t. 3rd class coast defence	363	0	340	Comd. J. P. Davison	Hankow
<i>Firebrand</i>	gunboat, 12d class	485	6	460	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Mand	Hankow
<i>Humber</i>	sloop	—	—	830	Commander F. W. Wylie	Hongkong
<i>Immaculate</i>	armoured cruiser	5960	34	8650	Captain Edward Chichester	Hongkong
<i>Linnet</i>	gun-vessel 2d class	760	8	1050	Commander R. C. Sparke	Tientsin
<i>Narcissus</i>	armoured cruiser	6100	34	8,600	Captain H. B. Lang	Hongkong
<i>Panecoek</i>	gunboat 1st class	760	13	1200	Lieut.-Com. H. J. D. Laxton	Singapore
<i>Pilgrim</i>	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. Henry Adair	Hongkong
<i>Pique</i>	cruiser	3900	21	7000	Capt. Henry C. Egge	Nagasaki
<i>Plover</i>	gunboat 1st class	715	10	1200	Lieut. Spencer Y. de Horesy	Amoy
<i>Porpoise</i>	gunboat 1st class	1770	16	3500	Commander F. R. Polly	Chehalpo
<i>Rainbow</i>	cruiser 3rd class	715	10	1200	Captain Wm. O. C. Forsyth	Chehalpo
<i>Rattler</i>	gunboat 1st class	715	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Cotesworth	Nanchang
<i>Redoubt</i>	gunboat 1st class	805	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Gratton	K'loon Dock
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<i>Tamar</i>	ex-transport	2047	—	—	—	Hongkong
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A Red-better Day.—'I say, guide, what does that memorial stone commemorate?' 'I put it there. It is upon that spot where a tourist once gave me 5s.'

Uroos a poster of Sydney Grundy's play 'The New Woman,' exhibited in a South Wales town, some one has scribbled under the title, 'Won't wash clothes.'

Suez: 'They call this a play with a moral. I wonder what it is?' He (thinking of the price for seats): 'A fool and his money are soon parted.' 'I should think.'

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Pomfret, White	"	250	—	白鱸
Pomfret, Black	"	180	—	黑鱸
Prawns.	"	320	—	明蝦

Rock Fish,	"	70	—	石斑魚
Roach,	"	—	—	鯉魚
Salmon, (Canton),	"	250	—	友魚
Sherk,	"	50	—	馬鮫
Salt Fish,	"	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	"	50	—	魷魚
Shrimps,	"	110	—	蝦
Snapper,	"	155	—	立魚

Turtles, small, fresh water,	100
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Whiting,	catly	—	魚
White Bait,	—	70	銀魚仔
FRUIT.			
Apples, (California), . . .	catly	—	蘋果
„ (Trenton),	„	—	金山平
„ (Spain),	„	200	天津平
Bananas, fragrant,	„	30	平城香
„ (brides),	„	—	省山蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	„	110	香栗
Catambola,	„	—	山風
Cocoanuts,	each	60	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catly	70	花生
Grapes,	„	—	提子
Lemons, China,	„	40	鮮檸檬
„ Peel,	„	—	鮮檸檬
Lichees, Dried,	„	220	荔枝乾
„ Fresh,	„	—	荔枝乾
Limes,	„	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	安南芒果

.. (Manila), . . . 80

Oranges, Sweet,	catty	80	—	新會
" Green,	"	30	—	紅磡
" Red,	"	40	—	白
Olives,	"	70	—	桔
Pine-apples,	each	60	—	本地
Pears, (Shan ghai),	catty	120	—	本上海
" (Tientsin),	"	—	—	天津
Pumelo,	each	80	—	碎柚
" (Siam),	catty	—	—	暹羅
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Broom, „	„	10	白茅
Bamboo Shoots,	„	150	筍
Cabbage, Chinese com.	„	20	芥菜
Cabbage, Shanghai,	each	60	轉菜
Cauliflower,	„	30	椰菜
Carrots,	catty	50	金麥
Celery, Chinese,	„	20	唐芹
„ English,	„	50	洋芹
Chilies Dried,	„	—	辣乾
„ R. L.	„	70	紅花
Curry Stuff, English,	„	40	紅加厘
Cucumbers,	„	—	青瓜
Egg Plant,	„	—	倭瓜
Garlic,	„	50	蒜
Ginger, young,	„	—	新子
Horse Radish, S'hai,	„	120	根木
Indian Corn,	„	—	粟子
Lettuce, (English),	each	10	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—	洋草菇
Onions, Bombay,	„	70	洋蔥
„ Green,	„	30	洋蔥
„ Shanghai,	„	—	上海蔥
„ Japan,	„	40	日本蔥
Okra,	„	—	毛茄
Paraley, „	ounce	10	沖菜
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	20	番薯
„ Onaghai,	„	—	日本薯
„ Japan,	„	—	日本薯
„ American,	„	—	花旗薯
„ Foochow,	„	20	福州薯
„ Macao,	„	20	澳門薯
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Spinach,	„	—	菠菜
Snake Gourd,	„	—	蛇瓜
Tomatoes,	„	40	蕃茄
Taro,	„	80 10	芋頭
Tirup, Pandi, (Long),	each	20	蘭瓜
Vegetable Marrow,	catty	—	白瓜
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